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Council rejects solar farm zoning 4-3

BY MARK CAMPBELL

With a packed audience quietly looking on and Mayor Bob Courtney attending by video while out of town at a leadership summit, Madison City Council voted 4-3 to follow the recommendation of the city’s Plan Commission and reject zoning changes that would have helped clear the way for development of a 1,000-acre solar industry on the city’s hilltop.

The decision came after three hours of testimony at a public hearing on Aug. 20, weeks of study by the council members, and remarks from two council members and Courtney on Tuesday after the third reading of the ordinance and prior to the roll call vote.

In the end, Council members Patrick Thevenow, Carla Krebs and Lucy Dattilo all voted in succession against the amendment before Joshua Schafer, Joel Storm and Jim Bartlett voted in favor. That left the swing vote, and the decision, with Councilman Josh Wilber, who had spoken at length on the matter just prior to the vote and indicated that he would follow the Plan Commission’s recommendation.

That’s how Wilber ended up voting and the amendment, which would have rezoned six parcels in the city’s 2-mile buffer zone from low density residential to agriculture and nine parcels from residential agriculture to agriculture, failed 4-3, taking with it Aypa Power’s plans to lease 1,000 acres from two Jefferson County landowners to operate a 600-acre solar farm over the next 35 years.

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2024 Chautauqua print

Art captures Ohio Theatre, surrounding buildings

BY BOB DEMAREE

A scene from Madison’s downtown business district was been selected as the poster artwork for this year’s Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art on Saturday, Sept. 28, and Sunday, Sept. 29.

The artist, Daniel Garrow of Penn Yan, New York, discovered Madison when he participated in the Chautauqua in 2021, the first festival he had ever shown his art that he considered a success both “for the sales and the atmosphere.”

Garrow’s “Fine Art with Fish,” digitally created by hand, sold well that weekend and he enjoyed being in Madison for the Chautauqua. “It was fun. It really felt like a festival,” he noted.

Garrow’s winning art captures the iconic Ohio Theatre and surrounding buildings, something that struck him during his visit. “Because I’ve been to Madison and seen the restoration of the brick buildings, this says Madison to me,” he said.

Chautauqua Coordinator Kara Hinze said selection of the poster artwork is done by the Chautauqua committee which reviews the artwork then chooses a winner by “blind vote” without knowing the artist, a process that ensures impartiality in the decision making. In choosing Garrow’s depiction of the downtown businesses, Hinze said the committee thought the winning artwork was “fun and colorful” while showing a part of historic Madison that hasn’t been highlighted in other recent Chautauqua prints.

She noted the Lanier Mansion and Broadway Fountain have been featured several times in the poster artwork, both of which Garrow said he also submitted entries. “They are both beautiful” but this year the committee wanted something different. In addition, Hinze said that having the Ohio Theatre featured in the print “is perfect timing with it being renovated, and coming back to us” as an attraction in the city.

The selection of artwork by Garrow

Handout

This year’s Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art print, based on original artwork by Daniel Garrow, depicts a scene of the business district in downtown Madison that includes the Ohio Theatre. Pictured holding the print are Roy Graham (left), managing partner of MPS Printing, and Scott Hubbard, executive vice president of Arvin Sango.

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CHARLIE’S BEAT



Handout
National Lifetime Beat Poet Laureate Ron Whitehead, and the Storm Generation Band, will perform at Red Bicycle Hall in downtown Madison, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15.

National Beat Poet Laureate to perform Sept. 15

One of the truly gratifying aspects of living in Madison, Indiana (or nearby) is the wildly eclectic mix of art, music and myriad culture that passes through our humble community. Thanks to entities like our Madison Area Arts Alliance, the Madison Performing Arts Foundation, the Kindred Folk Society, and the Cultural Continuum that stages music shows at Red Bicycle Hall you can pretty much count on something fun and unusual happening several times a month.

The upcoming performance by Ron Whitehead falls into this category. The guy is a U.S. National Lifetime Beat Poet Laureate, his work is translated into 20 languages, and he’s even the subject of a documentary on Amazon Prime titled “Outlaw Poet: The Legend of Ron Whitehead.” He happens to live here in Southern Indiana, so he was a regular at our Village Lights bookstore when the shop was open. Patty Cooper Wells reached out to him to see about coming back, and he said yes, of course!

He’ll be performing at Red Bicycle Hall on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15 at 3 p.m., along with the Storm Generation Band. It’s described as “a rocking hybrid celebration of the spoken word, blended with music, delivered by a living legend using the power of his voice and his celebrated poetry.” Tickets are available at MadTixEvents.com. The event is sponsored by the Madison Area Arts Alliance.

Historian David Brinkley called Whitehead “one of the great poets of his generation.” His beat style poetry draws inspiration from his broad life experience and his upbringing on a farm outside Beaver Dam, Kentucky.

What is “beat poetry” you might ask? Its founders in the mid century literary movement



CHARLIE ROHLFING
CHARLIE’S BEAT

Madison man faces charges in vehicle death of North Vernon woman

BY BOB DEMAREE

A Madison man was arraigned in Jefferson Circuit Court Wednesday, to face charges of allegedly operating a vehicle while intoxicated and causing the death of a North Vernon woman earlier this summer.

Wade Dean Schenck, 57, Madison, was arrested on a warrant Monday after results of a toxicology test taken on the day of the crash came back positive for methamphetamine on Wednesday, Aug. 28. A toxicology report for alcohol had come back negative on July 25.

Tiffany Wilcox, 27, North Vernon, was a passenger in a vehicle driven by Schenck when it went off West Deputy Pike and struck a utility pole on Sunday, June 30. Wilcox

was pronounced dead at the scene.

Schenck, who was released on \$25,000 cash bail Tuesday, appeared at Wednesday’s hearing and stated that he had obtained William Dillon of North Vernon as his attorney. Circuit Judge D.J. Mote set an omnibus hearing for Nov. 8, a pretrial hearing for Nov. 20 and a jury trial for Dec. 2.

Schenck is charged with Causing Death When Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, a Level 4 Felony; and Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony.

In the affidavit of probable cause, Jefferson County Sheriff’s Sergeant



Wade Dean Schenck

Jeff Neace reported that he was dispatched to the scene of a vehicle accident in the 3300 block of West Deputy Pike Road on June 30 where he found a 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser on its driver side after colliding with a utility pole between North County Road 300 West and North Borcharding Road. Neace located Schenck, who stated he was hurt and having trouble breathing, along with Wilcox’s deceased body.

The affidavit states that while at the scene, firefighter/first responder Damian Gibson pointed out a “small plastic baggie” laying in the debris field just a few feet from where Schenck was found. Neace said he

examined the baggie and found that it contained a crystalline substance. Also found in the debris field was a glass smoking device and a cell phone believed to belong to Schenck.

Schenck was flown to the University of Louisville Hospital trauma center. Neace said he was advised that Schenck had severe injuries to his pelvic region.

Schenck, a 1986 graduate of L&M High School in Greene County, appeared to be recovered and was walking on his own without assistance at Wednesday’s hearing.

When he was younger, Schenck had a role in the movie “Hoosiers,” filmed in Indiana and released in 1986, portraying the character of Ollie, the quiet substitute who wins the big game.

OBITUARIES

Barbara Ann King

Barbara Ann (Garrett) King, passed peacefully in her home on Aug. 27, 2024, with her husband of nearly 70 years by her side. She was 87 years old. Barbara was born to Morris and Helen Rowlett Garrett on March 23, 1937, in Trimble County, KY. She was united in marriage to Stanley E. King on Oct. 8, 1954, in Hanover, IN. As owner and operator of Nanny’s Treasure Chest in Lexington, IN, just outside of Hanover, she enjoyed serving the community, and surrounding areas, making many friends along the way. She was “Nanny” to almost all who knew her in this capacity. Outside of her business, Barbara loved music, both listening to and singing. She sang in the church choir for many years and it was always a delight to her when she was asked to sing the special music on Sunday mornings. As a young girl, she even taught herself to yodel among the hills in KY.

She was preceded in death by her parents Hubert Morris and Helen Rowlett Garrett; her siblings Ella Mae Mahoney, Mary Jo Baker, Wayne Douglas Garrett, and Jim Garrett. Barbara will be dearly missed by her surviving family members, including her husband Stanley, her son Doug King (Gail), her daughters Cheryl Wolfel and Stanra Wildman (Bill), her grandchildren Tonya Sparks, Josef S. Wolfel (Paula), Daniel



King (Tasha), Alissa Sauer (Brad), Ashley Miller (Cameron), and her great-grandchildren, Reagan Sparks, Stella Sparks, Lola Sparks, Josef Z. Wolfel, Chiara Wolfel, Luciana Wolfel, Ethan King, Taylor King, Nolan Sauer, Natalie Sauer, Scarlett Miller, Gunnar Miller, Autumn Miller, and Warner Miller.

Services will be held at Hanover Cemetery on Sept. 7, 2024, at 1 p.m. Interment will follow in the Hanover Cemetery, Logan Point Drive Hanover, IN.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to either Cornerstone Baptist Church of Hanover, IN, where she was a member, or Samaritan’s Purse (Operation Christmas Child). Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, or at the health campus. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

William Carl ‘Bill’ Arnett

William Carl “Bill” Arnett, age 74, of Madison, IN, entered this life on February 26, 1950, in LaGrange, KY. He was the loving son of the late Oscar William and Thelma Rae Wright Arnett. Bill died on Monday, Sept. 2, 2024, at 10:08 a.m. at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, IN.

Bill will be missed by his loving his beloved wife of 51 years, Rebecca “Becky” Sue Callis Arnett of Madison, IN; his brother, Michael Kevin Arnett and his wife, Allyson of Hanover, IN; his sister, Elizabeth “Betty” Bray Callis and her husband Robert Stout Callis) of Bedford, KY; his brother in law, Thomas Benham of New Castle, KY; his nieces, and his nephews, Debra Baker, Robert Terrell Bray III, Jonathan Todd Bray, Whitney Settles, Dawn Arnett, David Arnett, Dana Dailey, and Timothy Benham; several great nieces, great nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in

death by his father, Oscar William Arnett; his mother, Thelma Rae Wright Arnett; his brothers, James Edward Arnett and his wife, Delene and Jerry Ray Arnett, his sister, Nancy Ann Arnett Benham; his brother in law, Robert Terrell Bray, Jr.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 3 p.m., by Bro. Aaron Snelling at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Interment will follow in the Bedford Cemetery in Bedford, KY.

Friends may visit Tuesday from 2 — 3 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

David Dean Davenport

David Dean Davenport, age 66, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on Aug. 8, 1958, in New Castle, IN. He was the loving son of Ovid Walden and Mable Lela Criswell Davenport both of whom preceded him in death. He grew up in New Castle on the family farm and was a 1977, graduate of New Castle Chrysler High School. He met his future wife at high school in their commercial foods class and was united in marriage to Tamara Lynn Catron on November 17, 1978, at the Four Square Flower House in New Castle, IN. This happy union was blessed with a son David Gabriel. He worked early on as a meat cutter at Becker Brother IGA in New Castle and he then worked for Mid-West in Muncie, IN. for 10 years. He had worked at the Madison State Hospital in maintenance and also in maintenance at the Indiana Department of Corrections Women’s Prison before becoming disabled. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, gardening, and his dog. He dearly loved spending time with his granddaughter and son. He enjoyed caring for the lawn at New Prospect Cemetery and keeping it pristine. He also enjoyed his 1951 Willy’s Jeep and beautification of his home and property. David died on Monday, Sept. 2, 2024, at 3:21 a.m. at his home in Hanover, IN.

David will be missed by his loving wife of 45 years, Tamara Lynn Catron Davenport of Hanover, IN; his loving son, David “Gabe” Gabriel Davenport and his wife Crystal of Madison, IN; his beloved granddaughter, Lona Lynn Davenport of Madison, IN; his



sisters, June Wilson of St. Petersburg, FL, Velta Surber and her husband Carl of New Castle, IN, Rita Mace and her husband Ron of Hendersonville, TN, Lucy Davenport Stevens of Muncie, IN; his brother, Glenn Davenport and his wife Cindy of Straughn, IN; his sister in law, Sandy Davenport of New Castle, IN; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ovid Walden Davenport; his mother, Mable Lela Criswell Davenport; his brother, James Oliver, and his brother in law, William Wilson.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024, at 3 p.m., by Pastor Wesley Kring at the New Prospect Baptist Church, 7007 S. Majors Rd. in Hanover, IN.

Friends may visit Sunday from 1p.m. until time of the service at the New Prospect Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New Prospect Cemetery or the Jefferson County Indiana Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Beverly Jane (Brown) Curlin

Beverly Jane (Brown) Curlin, age, 82, born on March 28, 1942, in Borden, IN, passed away at 9:55 a.m on Monday, Sept. 2, 2024, at the Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay, IN.

Beverly will be missed by her sons, Paul Dewayne Curlin and his wife, Vicki Thomas of Vevay, IN and Jeremy “Scott” Curlin and his wife, Bec of Vevay, IN; her grandchildren, Stacia Rech and her husband, Steve, Gregory Curlin, and Courtney Curlin and her great-grandchildren, Shaelyn Rech and Shelby Rech.

She was preceded in death by her father, Louis Harold Brown; her mother, Gladys May (Grubbs) Brown Clark; her husband, Paul Vernon Curlin, died Oct. 9, 2023;

her granddaughter, Bryanna Michelle Curlin; her sister, Rose Marie (Brown) Robinson; her brother, Victor Brown and her half-brother, Raymond Edward Brown.

Visitation will be held from 9 — 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 6, 2024, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, IN, 47043.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 6, 2024, by Rev. Mike Jones, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, IN, 47043.

Interment will be held at a later date in the Fredonia Cemetery in Vevay, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Keeping Pace Cancer Fund c/o CFSCI. Cards are available at the funeral home or online at www.haskellandmorrison.com.

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WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:14 a.m.
Sunset: 8:05 p.m.
Temperature: High 80, Low 62, Mean 76.0, Excess 1.6
Precipitation since last published: 0
Precipitation, September 2024: 0
Precipitation, 2024: 26.11
Barometer: 30.10, Steady
River Level at Clifty Creek: 421.49, Falling
Forecast: Saturday: Mostly sunny High 69/Low 42; Sunday: Sunny High 71/Low 45; Monday: Sunny High 79/Low 48; Tuesday: Sunny High 85/Low 51.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 15-24-33-36-39-45 (9/4). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$21 million. Next Drawing (9/7).
Cash Five: 8-12-18-32-39 (9/4).
Cash 4 Life: 13-22-27-35-46 CB: 2 (9/4)
KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 4-8-20-29 CB 13 (9/4)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 12-13-27-37-38 (9/4)
Lucky For Life: 4-12-14-40-47 LB: 11 (9/4)

MEGAMILLIONS
12-41-43-52-55 MB: 9, MP 4 (9/3). Next Jackpot: \$740 million. Next Drawing (9/6)

POWERBALL
7-10-21-33-59: 20, PP 3 (9/4). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$112 million. Next Drawing (9/7)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY
4-21-34-35-41 PB: 9 (9/4). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (9/7)

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS

September 2, 2024
Christopher K. Duke, 37, Lexington, Indiana, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Level 6 felony; Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and Reckless Driving, a Class C misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.
Wade Dean Schenck, 57, Madison, on a Jefferson County bench warrant (Causing Death When Operating a Motor Vehicle With a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, a Level 4 felony; and Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony). Bond \$25,000 cash.

September 3, 2024
Christian Bailey Tiffany, 21, Hanover, to serve one day jail on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.
James Wesley Howard Terry, 36, Madison, for Communication Intimidation-2 Counts, both Level 5 felonies; and Disorderly Conduct and Public Intoxication Alcohol/Drugs, both Class B misdemeanors. No bond.

September 4, 2024
Clifton Cruz Liter, 19, Madison, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.
Trisha M. Powell, 35, Hanover, to serve 179 days jail, consecutive, on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

Anthony J. Ryan, 59, no address, for Public Intoxication Alcohol/Drugs, a Class B misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.

David W. Schlechty, 53, no address, for Public Intoxication Alcohol/Drugs, a Class B misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.

September 5, 2024
Jacob Matthew Taylor, 25, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant, Level 5 felony. Bond \$10,000 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

August 30, 2024
Cassandra Marie Stumpf, 45, Ghent, Kentucky, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 8 days jail, served, plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Marvin Howard Reffett, 68, Madison, to amended charges of Operating a Vehicle After Forfeiture of License for Life, a Level 5 felony; and Leaving the Scene of an Accident, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 5 years at Indiana Department of Correction on the felony and 180 days jail on the misdemeanor, with credit for 4 days served and balance suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs.

September 3, 2024
Mark Christopher Carter, 55, Madison, to an amended charge of Burglary, a Level 4 felony. Sentenced to 6 years at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 184 days served, 2 years executed and 4 years to suspended to supervised probation plus \$689 in fees and court costs.
Lucas Gregory Hayes, 36, Madison, for Burglary, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 12 days served and 718 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$589 in fees and court costs and restitution in the amount of \$1,448.99 to Fat Boyz.
Juan Jose Rodriguez-

Hernandez, 39, Madison, for Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 14 days served and 166 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Cassandra Lynn Webster, 42, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to 270 days jail, fully executed, with credit for 100 days served plus \$489 in fees and court costs.

Salvador Rios Torres, 41, Hanover, for Operating Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to 180 days non-reporting probation, plus \$189.50 in court costs.

September 4, 2024
Stuart Alan Morrison, 60, Lexington, Indiana, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 4 days served and 176 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and license suspended for 180 days with specialized driving privileges.

Ashley Marie McClellan, 38, Madison, to an amended charge of Criminal Recklessness, a Level 6 felony with judgment entered as a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 10 days served and 170 days suspended to non-reporting probation plus \$189 in court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

August 30, 2024

Duane Koontz to Matthew E. Phenicie and Jennifer D. Phenicie, 7516 East Riverside Drive, Madison.

Jennifer Taylor and Jennifer Cardwell to Hanover Major LLC and K/L Homes, 139 Parkside Drive, Hanover.

Donald Courtney to Donald R. Courtney (living trust). 709 East First Street, Madison.

Carroll Ralston and Amy Ralston to LAR Properties LLC, 2954 Oak Hill Court, Madison. Phillips Development Inc. to Valerie Turpen and Robert Turpen, 100 West Greene Court, Hanover.

James C. Wilson and Jessica R. Wilson to James I. Wilson and Chloe A. Wilson, 2 acres at 7236 West Polk Road, Lexington.

JSP Properties LLC to Leahigh Christopher and Jennifer L. McGinnis, 1253 North Borcharding Road, Madison.

David W. Wilson to Sharon Wilson, approximately 5.58 acres at 4308 North State Road 62, Madison.

Zachariah T. Lacroix to James Slater Franklin and Sarah E. Franklin, 6815 West O’Neal Avenue, Dupont.

September 3, 2024
Andrew M. Batts, Angelika L. Welch and Angelika L. Batts to Angelika L. Welch, 1465 East Wehner Drive, Madison.

September 4, 2024
Sandra Spry Mertens to Thomas W. Spry, 6847 North Graham Road, Madison.

Sandra Spry Mertens to Thomas W. Spry, approximately 9.5 acres at 6889 North Graham Road, Madison.

Carroll Edward Owens and Jackie Owens to Edward David Owens, approximately 55 acres at 6281 East State road 62, Canaan.

Derryveagh Development LLC to Taylor Russell Shaw, 786 Riverview Drive, Hanover.

Ricky Stevason and Kimberly C. Stevason to Garrett A. Fromme, approximately 2.5 acres at 4066 East Pleasant Ridge Road. Madison.

Don Sarver

September 7

Renee Bruck
Donnie Cornett
Mike Humes

September 10

Donna Knaus
Bobby Phillips

September 12

Carolyn Alcorn
Camille Fife
David Furnish

September 13

Tom Spurgeon

BIRTHDAYS

Editor’s Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

September 6
Alexandria Armbrust
Greg Sanders

DEATH NOTICES

Lowell Gene Green, 84, of East Enterprise, IN, died Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024, at Swiss Villa Living Center in Vevay, IN. Private graveside services for the family with full military honors will be conducted following visitation from 2-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Curtis Griffin, 64, of Madison, IN, died Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024, at The Waters of Clifty Falls in Madison. Cremation was chosen and no services will be held. Arrangements by Lytle Welly Funeral Home &

Cremation Service Vail Chapel in Madison, www.lytlewelly.com.

Edwin Terry, 99, of Charlestown, IN, and formerly of Bedford, KY, died Friday, Aug. 30, 2024, at River Crossing Assisted Living Center in Charlestown. All services will be private. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Regenia Lea Lyons Turner, 70, of Vevay, IN, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024, at her residence. Arrangements will be announced by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Carol J. Michaud Weaver, 62, of Madison, IN, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2024, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, with interment at a later date in the Woodtick Memorial Cemetery in Wolcott, CN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Dena Kay Rogers Webster, 70, of Bedford, KY, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2024, at her home. There will be no services. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.



UK College of Agriculture

A plot of hemp growing on a University of Kentucky research farm.

Victory Hemp to expand in Carroll

\$2.5M investment to bring 22 new jobs

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear last week announced that Victory Hemp Foods, a hemp seed production facility in Carroll County, is planning an expansion that will involve a \$2.5 million investment locally and create up 22 new jobs.

“Kentucky’s manufacturing industry continues to grow, creating job opportunities for our people all across the state,” said Beshear. “This is an incredible investment in the Carroll County community that will add to the state’s hemp industry, which has a long and successful tradition here in the commonwealth. I want to thank the company’s leadership for their belief in Kentucky and look forward to their continued success.”

The investment will see the company expand its existing manufacturing operation in Carroll County to meet growing industry and consumer demand. The project will include upgrades to the company’s 5,200-square-foot facility, creating 22 new jobs and bringing Victory Hemp’s total employment in Kentucky to 27. The new positions created will include executive roles and numerous manufacturing hires to expand production.

Victory Hemp Foods is actively involved in the community and is committed to hiring and training Kentuckians to help strengthen the impact of the manufacturing industry across the state.

“Kentucky has been a supportive home for Victory Hemp since 2015,” said Chad Rosen, CEO of Victory Hemp Foods. “We’re looking forward to bringing additional jobs and new value-added agriculture products to the market to help continue to support the advanced agriculture economy in Kentucky.”

Victory Hemp Foods manufactures products that are used to create allergen-free, high Omega-3 beverages, foods and skin care products. The company sources its seeds from North American farmers and has expressed a commitment to purchasing hundreds of thousands of acres worth of hempseed by 2030 to bring the benefits of hempseed to farmers, brands and consumers.

Carroll County Judge-Executive David Wilhoite said he looks forward to supporting the company’s continued success in the community. “Carroll County is proud to be a part of Victory

Hemp’s journey and looks forward to continuing to support its most recent expansion,” Wilhoite said. “Victory Hemp’s commitment as an excellent community partner is a testament to our shared values, and I eagerly anticipate their continued success here.”

Carrollton Mayor Robb Adams noted the positive impact the project will have on the area. “This is another exciting time for our community and for economic opportunity and growth,” Adams said. “We are always proud to step up and support any company that opens in Carroll County that creates jobs, is a good community partner and aids our farmers. Victory Hemp produces quality products in the food and beverage industry, and we look forward to supporting them.”

Matthew Adkins, executive director of the Kentucky I-71 Economic Development Alliance, said the company is playing a key role in the region’s agriculture sector. “Agriculture is a significant contributor to our state’s economy. Victory Hemp’s work in Carroll County has not only revolutionized how people view hemp-related products but also brought about a positive change in our community,” Adkins said. “I am excited to see the fantastic things that this company will accomplish in the future.”

Located at 252 West Jay Loudon Road just off KY 227 in Carrollton, Victory Hemp Foods produces hemp seeds, oils and protein for use in consumer foods and products.

To encourage investment and job growth in the community, the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) preliminarily approved a 10-year incentive agreement with Victory Hemp Foods under the Kentucky Business Investment program. The performance-based agreement can provide up to \$400,000 in tax incentives based on the company’s investment of \$2.5 million and annual targets of creation and maintenance of 22 Kentucky-resident, full-time jobs across 10 years paying an average hourly wage of \$32.68, including benefits.

By meeting its annual targets over the agreement term, the company can be eligible to keep a portion of the new tax revenue it generates. The company may claim eligible incentives against its income tax liability and/or wage assessments. In addition, Victory Hemp Foods can receive resources from Kentucky’s workforce service providers including no-cost recruitment and job placement services, reduced-cost customized training and job-training incentives.

OBITUARY

Dr. Elton Heaton Jr.



Dr. Elton Heaton Jr., age 94, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Dec. 31, 1929, in Henry County, KY. He was the loving son of the late Elton Heaton Sr. and Bernice Carter Heaton Stivers. In 1936, his family moved to Pleasureville, KY, where he lived until 1942, when his family moved to Louisville. He graduated from Male High School in 1946, at the young age of 16. He received his A.B. degree from the University of Louisville in 1949, at the age of 19, being one of 10 honor graduates in the class of over 800. He entered medical school in the fall at the University of Louisville, and graduated in 1953. On June 7, 1951, he married Mary Alice Lyons. They lived in Louisville, until his graduation from medical school, at which time he entered the United States Navy. He served for three years, including in Morocco. Elton’s time in Morocco inspired a lifetime of travel. He traveled to all seven continents and 60 countries and took each of his eight grandchildren on trips. Upon his discharge he began his family medical practice in Huntingburg, IN, which he operated for five years. In 1961, he moved back to Louisville, where he started a four year residency in pathology. Upon completion, he moved to Madison, where he joined a friend’s pathology practice. He continued his pathology practice until retirement in June of 2003, the 50 year anniversary of his medical school graduation. The practice continues in the hands of his son, Gregory, and grandson, Christopher. He practiced pathology at King’s Daughters’ Hospital, Dearborn County Hospital, Jackson County Hospital, Carroll County Hospital, and the Madison State Hospital. Elton had

an entrepreneurial spirit and in 1966, he along with two partners, began an automated chemistry laboratory in New Albany, providing chemistry services to hospitals in Kentucky, and Indiana. After acquiring a second clinical laboratory in Louisville, the labs were merged with American Biomedical Corporation, which, through a series of mergers, is now part of LabCorp. In 1975, he and a partner founded the Medical Physics Laboratory to provide biofeedback training to medical patients upon referral by physicians. This operated in Madison, and Louisville, for 10 years. In 1977, a separate corporation, Cybergenics, was formed to provide biofeedback training to the public.

Elton spent his life in pursuit of knowledge — scientific, medical, religious, spiritual, and parapsychological — and this animated many of his hobbies and professional activities. His memoir, *Searching for One White Crow, A Country Doctor’s Quest for Truth*, detailed his family history, his life, his beliefs, and search for answers to life’s deep questions. Since 1965, Dr. Heaton was very active in the First Christian Church of Madison. He held positions as Sunday School Teacher, Deacon, Elder, Trustee, and Chairman, of the Board. He was chairman of the Building Committee following the destruction of the church


in a fire in 1989, and was highly instrumental in its rebuilding. Elton died on Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2024, at 3:56 a.m. at the Norton King’s Daughters’ Hospital in Madison, IN.

Elton will be missed by his loving wife of 73 years, Mary Alice Lyons Heaton, of Madison, IN; his loving daughter, Dr. Gwendolyn “Gwen” Heaton, of Madison, IN; his loving sons, Dr. Gregory E. Heaton and his wife, Lisa, of Madison, IN, and Dr. Joseph Bradley Heaton and his wife, Sally, of Denver, CO; his grandchildren, Kim (Joey), Caroline (Evan), William H, William G (Samantha), Christopher (Jenna), Kate (Michael), Amy (James), and Gregory (Nicole); his great-grandchildren, Oliver, Owen, Henry, Elliott, Charles, Conan, Nora, Eloise, Jack, Caleb, Connor, Isabelle, Holly, and Heidi. He was preceded in death by his father, Elton Heaton Sr. his mother, Bernice Carter Heaton Stivers, and his step-father, Morrison Stivers. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, at 1 p.m. by Pastor Bill Johnson at the First Christian Church, 512 West Main Street in downtown Madison, IN. Interment will follow at Pleasureville Cemetery in Pleasureville, KY. Friends may visit on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 512 West Main Street in downtown Madison. Military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion and the Great Lakes U.S. Naval Ceremonial Unit. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

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CASA announces 2025 dates for volunteer training

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Jefferson County announced 2025 dates for new volunteer training beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 4 and running one evening a week throughout that month. CASA of Jefferson County recruits, trains and supports volunteers who advocate in court for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Their advocacy enables Jefferson Circuit Judge DJ Mote to make the most well-informed decision for each child. Though more than 70 children in Jefferson County have a volunteer advocating on their behalf in court, many more children

still need an advocate so additional volunteers are needed. Ivy Tech Community college has partnered with CASA and is sponsoring the training event. “The number of impacted children is growing. We need more volunteers to support that increasing need,” said Whitney Roberts, CASA’s executive director. “It is a serious commitment that we seek from our community members. We have many children whose futures are being written right now. Let’s change that trajectory for the better. We will do this together, every step of the way.” CASA volunteers are everyday people, from

all walks of life, who are passionate about making a difference in the lives of children. They are not social workers or lawyers, but rather trained individuals who bring compassion, empathy, and a commitment to advocacy. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to serve as a voice for foster children, ensuring that their needs are met and their voices are heard throughout the judicial process. For more information about volunteering, visit <https://www.casajc.net/events/casa-volunteer-training-2025> or call 812-801-7579. To learn more about CASA of Jefferson County Inc., visit www.casajc.net.

Girls Inc. awarded \$180,000 grant to expand mental health support

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Girls Inc. of Jefferson County has been awarded a \$180,000 grant from the Bethany Legacy Foundation aimed at expanding mental health support for its members. The funding will be utilized to hire a dedicated Mental Health Advocate, whose primary role will be to deliver specialized mental health interventions and support through programming and skills-based groups. The Mental Health Advocate will work closely with members to help them regulate their emotions and behaviors, navigate interpersonal interactions, and build psychological resilience. Additionally, the Advocate will provide one-on-one support to empower members to advocate for themselves in challenging situations. Morgan Hamilton, program manager at

Bethany Legacy Foundation, emphasized the importance of the grant. “A safe and supportive environment is important for boosting the psychological resilience of Girls Inc. members and empowering them to stand up for themselves,” she said. “Bethany Legacy Foundation aims to normalize talking about mental health and destigmatize seeking mental health support. This initiative by Girls Inc. is important to introduce these concepts at a young age.” By integrating this new role into their organization, Girls Inc. of Jefferson County will continue to build a supportive and resilient community for its young members. The grant reflects a commitment to empowering young individuals and equipping them with the tools necessary for personal growth and self-advocacy.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS
Shawe and Pope John Festival
221 West State St., Madison
Friday & Saturday, Sept. 6-7, 5-11:30 p.m.
The event features carnival rides, kids games, live music, a beer tent and more. Vaguely Familiar will perform from 8 to 11 p.m. on Friday while the Crashers will perform from 8 to 10 p.m. on Saturday.
Free Community Health Fair
Frank Baldwin Hunter Hall
400 Vaughn Drive, Madison
Saturday, Sept. 7, 9 a.m.-Noon
Hosted by the Jefferson County Healthy Lifestyles Team. Visit booths covering

a variety of health topics. All ages welcome. Free blood pressure checks, cholesterol checks, health resources, door prizes, giveaways, healthy snacks.
LUNCHEON
St. John’s United Church of Christ
408 East St., Madison
Friday, September 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
St. John’s United Church of Christ will host a soup, salad and dessert luncheon at the Fellowship Hall off the East Street entrance. Cost is \$9.
SPEAKERS
Speaker: Silas House
Hanover College
Fitzgibbon Recital Hall, Lynn Center for Fine Arts
Saturday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m.

Silas House, an award-winning novelist, Kentucky poet laureate, educator and environmental activist, will address building empathy through storytelling. Event is open to the public and free of charge.
REUNIONS
Romans Family Reunion
Rising Sun, Indiana
Sunday, Sept. 15
The Romans Family Reunion will be held at the Ohio County Historical Society, 212 South Walnut Street. Dinner is at 1 p.m. Bring a favorite food to share but meat, bread and drinks will be provided. Bring copies of family pictures for albums, items for scrapbooking and genealogy records.

Armbrecht resigns from Madison school board; applicants sought

BY BOB DEMAREE
Fifteen months after being appointed to the Madison Consolidated Schools board of trustees, Brian Armbrecht submitted his resignation effective Tuesday, Sept. 3. Armbrecht was the unanimous selection of the school board at a special meeting June 1, 2023, to replace Jay Roney, elected in District 1 during the 2020 general election. Roney resigned from the board in May of 2023 after he accepted the position of director of facilities with the school corporation. The two District 1 seats are on the ballot for the Tuesday, Nov. 5, general election and Armbrecht had previously determined that he would not enter the race and seek election to the position. The appointed member will serve three months through the end of this year. School officials are working to fill the open position by Oct. 3. Anyone interested can pick up and return a completed application to the MCS Administration Office, 2421 Wilson Avenue, Madison. Completed applications must be returned no later

than 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13. Anyone interested in the position must meet the following qualifications:
• Be a registered voter in the territorial limits of Madison Consolidated Schools and have been for at least one year.
• Resided in one of the precincts: (Graham, Lancaster, Madison 1,2,3, Milton, Monroe and Shelby) for at least one year.
• Be 21 years of age or older.
• Not currently hold any elective or appointive political office under the jurisdiction of any precinct, township or county unit.
• Not have an interest in any contract with, or claim against Madison Consolidated Schools, either directly or indirectly.
Candidates who have filed in the general election for the two District 1 seats include Dustin Bentz, Tanya Burnette and David Storie. Storie, initially elected in 2020, is an incumbent serving his first term on the school board for District 1. The two persons elected in the general election will be sworn in by the board in January 2025 for their four-year term.

72 Revolutionary War Soldiers & Patriots Buried in Jefferson County, IN

During 2023, the America 250 Committee of John Paul Chapter DAR worked alongside other Indiana chapters to document patriot burials within the state, and a new pamphlet is being distributed to local and regional libraries and historical organizations. Perhaps you'll find a patriot connection among the 72!

Elisha Bassett	Hopewell Cem, Volga
James Baxter	Craig Cem, Madison
James Bell	Valley Cem, Deputy
George Benefel	Jefferson Church Cem, Jefferson Co
Job Bishop	Canaan Cem, Canaan
George Blake	Pisgah Methodist Cem, Deputy
John Booth	Manville Cem, Manville
Johnston Brown	Brown Cem, Milton Twp
Patrick Brown	Brown-Bacon Cem, Madison
George Burk	Unspecified Jefferson County
George Burton	Manville Cem, Manville
William Campbell	Foster Farm, N CR 220 W
Alexander Chambers	White River Cem, Jefferson Co
James Chute	3rd Street Cem, Madison
Jacob Chysman (Chrysman)	Unspecified Jefferson County
Henry Cloyer (Clower)	Unspecified Jefferson County
John Conner	Canaan
Jonathan Cope, Sr	Hebron (Hebron Baptist Church) Cem, Madison
James Crawford	Hebron (Hebron Baptist Church) Cem, Madison
Arnold Custer	Hebron (Hebron Baptist Church) Cem, Madison
Francis Davis	In orchard at top of Hanover Hill
John Dickerson (Dickinson)	Marling (Reed) Cem, Saluda
Philip Eastin	Old Rykers Ridge Cem
Elias Edens	Unspecified Jefferson County
Nathan Fewell	Ford Farm, Volga
John Field	Unspecified Jefferson County
Jacob Fix	Maddox-Stucker Cem, Hanover
Thomas George	Wirt Baptist Cem, Wirt
William Hall	Demaree (Lockridge) Cem, China
William Hillis	Old Rykers Ridge Cem
James Jackson	Blakenship Cem, Kent
Thomas Jameson	Hebron (Hebron Baptist Church) Cem, Madison
Jacob Jines	Marble Valley Cem, Madison
David Jones	Indian-Kentucky, Canaan
Nicholas Lawler	Lawler Cem, Volga
John Littlejohn	Canaan Cem, Canaan
John Lee	Lee Graveyard, Canaan
John Lott	Old Rykers Ridge Cem
Bezeleel Maxwell	Old Hanover Church
Emmanuel Medock	Fugit Cem, Manville
William McCasland	Old Bethel Cem, Hanover
Daniel McClellan	Pisgah Methodist Cem, Deputy
Robert McKay	McKay Cem, Brooksbury
Alexander McKay	McKay-Stites Cem , Smyrna Twp
Thomas McKay	McKay-Stites Cem, Smyrna Twp
William Parmenter	Unspecified Jefferson County
Matthew Patton, Sr.	Underwood, Madison
John Paul	Fairmount Cem, Madison
Thomas Ramsey	Greenbriar (Butler-Wooley) Cem, Hanover
Robert Rea	Underwood, Madison
William Rogers	Pisgah Methodist Cem, Deputy
Thomas Rowland	Pisgah Methodist Cem, Deputy
Gerardus Ryker, Jr.	Old Rykers Ridge Cem
John Ryker	Old Rykers Ridge Cem
George Shannon	Old Bethel Cem, Hanover
Jacob Smock	Hanover Cem, Hanover
Jesse Spann	Craig Cem, Madison
Henry Stucker (Stocker)	Maddox-Stucker Cem, Hanover
Michael Stucker	Maddox-Stucker Cem, Hanover
James Suggan	Unspecified Jefferson County
David Taylor	Woodfill Cem, Madison
Joseph Taylor	Woodfill Cem, Madison
Joseph Thom	Marling (Reed) Cem, Saluda
William Tilford	Slippery Point Cem, Jefferson Co
John Van Cleave (Van Cleave)	Old Rykers Ridge Cem
Jesse Vawter	Wirt Baptist Cem, Wirt
James Vernon	Vernon Cem, Jefferson Co
Nathaniel Wallace	Greenbriar (Butler-Wooley Cem, Madsion
Remembrance Williams	Williams Farm, Middlefork
Nathaniel Wilson	Underwood, Madison
William Wilson	Underwood, Madison
William Wyatt	Old Rykers Ridge Cem

John Paul Chapter DAR
Genealogy Workshop
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10:30am-3:30pm
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Norton King's Daughters' Health will host our 26th annual Run the Falls 5K on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Clifty Falls State Park, Madison, Indiana. The paved 3.1-mile course is open to walkers and runners of all ages. Strollers are welcome. Awards will be presented to the top finishers in each age group. Cost is \$25 and includes a long-sleeve tech shirt for those who register by Sept. 16.

Sept. 28, 2024
5K begins at 8:15 a.m.
Registration opens at 7 a.m. on race day
Clifty Falls State Park

Parking, registration and finish line activities will be at the Clifty Falls State Park pool.

Learn more and register at **NortonKDH.com/RunTheFalls**.



NORTON KING'S DAUGHTERS' HEALTH

Kent Water rate increase may soon increase rates for Hanover

BY BOB DEMAREE

An increase in water rates by Kent Water Company will soon lead to a water rate increase for residents of the town of Hanover.

Kent Water Company increased its rates by 24% to 25% to its own customers earlier this year, effective May 15, and is passing that increase on to the town of Hanover and Hanover College, who both purchase water wholesale from Kent.

Town Council President Debbie Kroger noted that the rate increase Kent Water Company is charging the town is being reviewed by Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors before Hanover residents see that increase in their water bills.

Contacted after the meeting, Warren Auxier, a board member of the Kent Water Company, said it has been about eight years since Kent’s last rate increase, and the board made the decision for the rate hike “in order to stay ahead on the capacity side. We’re doing a \$3.5 million project” that includes a new treatment facility and booster pumps. He said water

is currently provided from the old Hanover College well field and from Kent’s well field. With the new infrastructure, Kent will only need to utilize the Kent well field.

Auxier said he anticipates that the percentage rate increase for Hanover town residents will be much lower than the increase Kent Water Company is charging the town. “What can be misleading, just because their wholesale rate went up 25%, it does not mean the town of Hanover needs to raise water rates 25%.”

Using the example of water being sold wholesale for \$1.30 per 1,000 gallons, a 25% increase on wholesale would calculate to about 32.5 cents more per 1,000 gallons or \$1.63/ Auxier said that is a slight cost increase to the town and should not amount to the same percentage increase for residents. “I hope residents (of Hanover) don’t panic because they shouldn’t be looking at a 25% rate increase.”

Auxier noted the rate sold to the town of Hanover and Hanover College is much lower than the rate for its own customers because

both the town and the college have their own infrastructure like water towers. “We’re not maintaining any of their infrastructure,” he said. “We don’t read meters at the town or college. We are just charging them one lump sum depending on the usage given each month.”

Kent Water Company maintains 250 miles of underground water mains and four water towers for its regular customers, which is the reason they pay a “higher rate because they’re paying for all that infrastructure,” said Auxier. He added that Kent Water Company’s rates are still lower than other rural water companies in the area.

IN OTHER UTILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE BUSINESS:

- Kroger said the town is waiting for figures on Rumpke trash collection rates for the contract renewal in November. She has asked for rates over three years, and rates over five years, and also for recycling once a month and twice a month. “Hopefully by the

next meeting, we’ll have numbers to look at,” she said.

- With work underway to develop a plan to address storm-water management issues in town, a meeting is being planned with Wessler Engineering and Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors to establish possible rates to cover costs to resolve problem areas. Once that’s done, the town will work towards scheduling public hearings.

- Announced the town received a \$25,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County for the town to address its planning and zoning in connection with the comprehensive plan. The funds will be used for Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz (JTL) to provide assistance in addressing planning and zoning issue, particularly those geared toward housing and commercial growth. The council also approved a professional agreement with JTL.

- With work nearly complete on painting the town’s water tower, Superintendent of Streets and Utilities Director Scott Wil-

liams expects that will take another week before it is done. The \$408,965 project is being funded through \$200,000 of American Rescue Plan funds, \$128,000 from the water utility fund and the remainder from a certificate of deposit.

- Approved \$5,800 from the sewer fund for Wingham Paving for crack filling and sealing a paved road to the Tallman lift station. The road also goes to a residence that a homeowner paved after previously being a gravel road, and because the town also uses the road, the town agreed to provide maintenance.

- Approved \$17,711 from the sewer fund for a new blower from American Pump Repair at the sewer treatment plant. Williams said the blower will replace one that is broken. He said the cost to rebuild was \$11,000 and with the cost for a new blower relatively close to the repair cost, he recommended buying a new unit.

- Approved a \$17,000 payment to Wessler Engineering for the recently completed town sewer project.

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PROJECT IS INCONSISTENT

Wilber’s six-minute address noted that the city’s buffer zone exists for a reason — to protect the city and its residents from undesirable development and provide an area for the city to expand as Madison grows — and that developing a large portion of the hilltop for solar power generation is inconsistent with that vision.

He said the number of jobs to be created, tax dollars to be gained and impact for power stability in Madison and Indiana were insufficient to warrant the special considerations being sought by the property owners and developer.

“The vision of those who designated the zoning in this buffer area had the foresight to see that this was an area of residential development in the event the city of Madison needed to expand for that purpose,” Wilber said near the end of his address. “After looking at the buffer zone and considering the city of Madison’s current need for more residential housing and its longterm needs, it is imperative that we protect the zoning in this portion of the buffer zone. Therefore, based on these factors, I agree with the unfavorable recommendation provided to the Council by the Plan Commission.”

Krebs, the council president who presided in Courtney’s absence, also spoke but much more briefly and to the point.

“I am voted on by the people and my job is to represent the people and tonight my vote will be for those people,” she said.

Wilber said he toured the area, talked with residents, listened to testimony — both oral and written — for and against the project while exercising due diligence before the vote.

“As I have considered many of the factors related to this matter of rezoning, I must say that the facts weigh heavily on me. Most of the factors that weigh heavy pertain directly to the buffer zone,” he said. “If you research the reasons for buffer zones there are a multitude of reasons. Some of these are to protect the environment, protect wildlife, create a buffer for possible industrial incidents, create residential and/or commercial zones for future growth and others. I believe when the buffer zone in this particular area was last rezoned, those who undertook it had a vision for this area and tried to understand what might happen if Madison were to outgrow itself in the years to come.”

HOUSING CRISIS

Madison’s residential growth, an issue that has been a topic of concern for some time considering that Madison and Indiana are experiencing a severe housing shortage at a time when business and industrial growth has been strong, has accelerated the need for new housing. Wilber suggested that the city and county combine efforts to develop a comprehensive plan that not only addresses the housing shortage but also develops a strategy for future opportunities like

renewable energy.

“I think we have heard from the Mayor and (Madison Economic Director) Tony Steinhardt about our current residential crisis. In fact, I have heard the same thing from the IEDC (Indiana Economic Development Corporation) in that Indiana, as a whole, has a housing shortage and if we are to bring in new development we will need more housing to accommodate the people moving into Indiana to take on the jobs needed for these businesses,” Wilber said. “I want everyone to know that I am basing my decision on the following factors. The solar project being proposed is not a solar field or farm in my estimation but a power plant which puts it in more of a category as industry such as any other power plant.

“The energy being created by this solar power plant would only generate about 150 megawatts annually, which is already spoken for,” he added. “Therefore, this power plant does not do anything for Indiana residents with the looming energy crisis and Indiana being able to be energy independent. It will take a nuclear power plant or some other baseload power plant to achieve that mission. Maybe two jobs are created through this project, which is the minimum, but that does not create much of a future for residents to be gainfully employed through new economic development, which in turn does not create possible new dollars to be spent in our community.”

“The city of Madison does not have a comprehensive plan with regard to alternative energy development. A comprehensive plan would insure that we are prepared for a project such as this in the future,” Wilber said. “Therefore, I am requesting that the Mayor use the Special Projects Committee, or appoint another committee, to work with our Jefferson County Commissioners and the IEDC, to whom I have spoken to and are willing to assist, in creating a comprehensive plan for alternative energy development in and around the city of Madison.”

AYPA’S PRIOR COMMITMENT

Courtney, who could be seen and heard on two large video displays in the council chambers, answered Wilber’s statement by noting that he had discussed efforts to do that with Wilber prior to the meeting.

“He and I talked earlier and I explained to him we are in the process of updating our unified development ordinance, which is our zoning and subdivision standards that are long overdue, and it will take into consideration areas suited for different uses including renewable energy,” said Courtney.

Courtney, who on Wednesday was still in Las Vegas attending a Hunt Institute Early Learning Leadership Summit, said he appreciates Aypa Powers’ interest in the community — the company has already committed to developing a \$150 million battery power storage facility on Madison’s hilltop — and the Council’s careful consideration of the solar facility. He said as the community moves forward with updating

its zoning and land use ordinances, Madison and Jefferson County will be better prepared for such opportunities in the future.

“I respect and appreciate the willingness for Aypa to make a major investment in our community. Rezoning an area like this takes years of planning for special uses to coexist with existing property owners,” said Courtney. “Madison is changing and growth is dependent on new investment. Our new initiative to modernize our zoning and land use ordinances has already begun and will take about a year to conclude. When this effort is complete, we will be better prepared for this type of investment that is critical for our community. Council did their jobs with incredible thoughtfulness amidst a very emotional environment.”

BUFFER ZONE A PARTNERSHIP

Courtney said the partnership between the city and county are vital to the success of both and the buffer zone will play a key role as Jefferson County develops and Madison grows. And while some residents of the buffer zone have complained that they often lack a voice in city decisions that impact them, Courtney noted the decision made by Council Tuesday is proof otherwise along with his efforts to seat more buffer zone residents on city boards.

“This approach is a collaboration between the city and county governments. We are far more integrated than most people understand. Our mutual success relies on this partnership and investment in each other,” Courtney said. “Residents of the city pay city and county property taxes. Buffer zone residents enjoy city infrastructure such as water and sewer, roads and parks, for example, at a benefit cost less than city residents. It’s unfortunate that some promulgate an us vs. them environment.

“As for representation, there are appointments from the county on our plan commission and board of zoning appeals. During my term, I voluntarily added a third representative to the BZA, all of whom are residents of that area so that there was even greater representation,” the Mayor said. “And as we have seen just this week with the rezoning application, there’s no bias between the city and buffer zone. Everyone’s voices were heard and considered.”

Courtney said Madison’s future depends on the areas in the buffer zone to the north of the city. Surrounded by the Ohio River and Hanover on two sides means expansion can only go in one direction. That could mean that those now in the buffer zone could one day be part of the city through annexation.

“As for annexation, it will come. The city has to grow and going south isn’t an option,” he said. “We can work together for a better community and attract investment that provides new jobs, public amenities, housing, and a better transportation network. I’m very proud of the collaboration we have between our local governments and will

keep working toward a brighter future for all our residents.”

ISSUE WAS TOO PERSONAL

Wilber took a moment to address some of the emotions that have surfaced over the past few weeks and reminded those in attendance that where one stands on the issue depends on personal preference but that doesn’t mean the discussion has to get personal. He noted the issue had, in some cases, become too contentious against property owners Tony and Lisa Hammock and Dean Ford, whose land would be leased for the project.

“I do want to take the time to point out something that I’ve heard several times that does concern me,” Wilber said. “We all know the applicants in this matter ... Both parties have gone through the necessary steps to apply for the zoning change and I see nothing by their actions which would indicate them trying to circumvent this system or to be deceptive. I have heard some personal attacks toward them which I feel are unwarranted and unnecessary. This is not who we are as a community. We may disagree but that is no reason for any of us to personally attack another ...

“The Hammocks did what most of us would do in the same circumstances. Several people stood up to talk about their family legacies, which I found interesting, compelling and amazing,” Wilber added. “The Hammocks, too, are trying to leave a legacy to their children. The Hammocks have done a lot for the city of Madison by improving and building many residential homes which have improved property values, brought new residential homes to our city and improved quality of life. I implore each of you to try to get past the emotion of the situation and understand that the applicants were not trying to harm anyone, but simply trying to utilize their land the way they felt best while at the same time building their legacy for generations to come.”

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DID ITS JOB

Wilber said the same can be said of the city’s Economic Development Office. He noted that it is Steinhardt’s job to assist business and industry in the process of seeing if Madison is a good fit for them and if they are a good fit for Madison.

“Tony is wonderful at what he does to bring economic development to the city for consideration,” Wilber said. “These proposals then go through the process, as many of you have witnessed with this application, which it is incumbent on city officials to move forward or not. Tony has been involved with much of our recent economic development with the shopping mall, the Cotton Mill, Tack Factory, new restaurants and so much more. Tony is an asset to the city of Madison and Jefferson County. I hope everybody can understand his role. And although you may not always agree with it, I hope you can respect what he does on a daily basis to make Madison the best city in southeastern Indiana.”

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

Central — Liquor Box
Rivertown Grill — Keith Swinney Band
Live Lunch (Broadway Fountain) —
(11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)
Tailgators — Justin Chappell with full band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

Central — Tailfin Cadillac
Rivertown Grill — Dirty Laundry
Broadway Fountain/Madison Farmers Market — Taylor Eversole (10 a.m.-noon)
Fairgrounds — For the Love of Bluegrass (Gospel & Country) (2 p.m.- 6 p.m.)
Thomas Family Winery — Loudon-Mundane Band (8 p.m.)
Ohio Theater — Rocky Horror Picture Show (8 p.m.)
VFW Post 1969 — Silverwings Band (8 p.m.-midnight)
Tailgators — Country Bourne (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

Rivertown Grill — Ruben Guthrie

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used flowing verse and explorations of freedom in response to the staid culture of 1950s America. Allen Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac are popular practitioners. Beat poetry flourished in the coffee houses and cafes of “beatnik” culture, often with snapped fingers replacing clapping hands to show appreciation.

Highlights from Whitehead’s career include the poem “Never Give Up,” written with his friend, The Dalai Lama, in 1994. In 1996 he produced an event in Louisville called The Official Hunter S. Thompson Tribute, which later became known simply as Gonzo-Fest. It was attended by Thompson, his mother Virginia, Johnny Depp, Warren Zevon, Roxanne Pultizer and many more.

In 2018 Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer presented Whitehead with a Lifetime Achievement for Work in the Arts Award. And in 2019 he was named Kentucky’s Beat Poet Laureate and the first U.S. citizen to be named UNESCO’s Tartu Estonia City of Literature Writer-in-Residence.

“Ron is more than just a poet reading his words,” explains Patty Cooper Wells. “He’s a performance artist, using the spoken word in a very dynamic way, combined with the melodic elements of music. It’s really something unique, and I urge everyone to take an hour out of their Sunday on September 15 and come experience this one-of-a-kind event.”

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

Not too much going on in Madison this weekend ... except for TWENTY-ONE music events from Wednesday through Sunday! Compared to last weekend with the car show in town and Music on the Porches and all the rest, it’s kind of a normal weekend in Madison. And that’s what makes it all the more astounding. Even a “typical” weekend with nothing much special going on, you can still get the full Indiana’s Music City experience, walking from place to place and enjoying tons of live music. That being said, one event does jump off the calendar, and that’s the annual screening of Rocky Horror Picture Show at the Ohio Theatre. This fun event brings out the true cult fanatics in full costume, and always a healthy crop of “Rocky Virgins” to see it for the first time. Tickets are at MadTixEvents.com (the single source for everything fun in Madison!).

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

Hanover Town Council may return to full-time parks director

BY BOB DEMAREE
Hanover Town Council may return to employing a full-time parks director based on a recommendation Tuesday by the town's park committee. The council will wait for applications to be submitted before finalizing the move, but a job description for the Parks Director was approved Tuesday with the position being hourly and up to 40 hours per week. Council President Debbie Kroger said the town's policy is that positions will first be posted internally to current town employees before considering other applicants. Prior to this year, there had been two full-time positions in the parks department with Scott Davidson as Parks Direc-

tor and Megan Varble as Community Programs and Engagement Coordinator. At the end of last year, the town council created two part-time positions at 29 hours each — a league director in which Davidson currently serves and an event coordinator in which Varble currently serves. "The park committee had asked that we go back to a full-time position," said Kroger. "This job description encumbered both an event person and a league person" for a 40-hour per week position.

IN OTHER BUSINESS:

- Superintendent of Streets and Utilities Director Scott Williams said work has begun on paving the new trails in the Hanover Community Park.

He said work is also moving forward in converting the back patio of the Hanover Community Building into a game room, with the air conditioning/heating unit in the process of being delivered.

- With the center island in front of the Hanover Community Building to be converted into a veterans garden, Williams said rock will be place where plans have been finalized for the garden. Kroger told Southwestern High School government students attending the meeting they would "love for a group of students from Southwestern to help with that project" and work with the Jefferson County Veterans Council to design what it will look like. She said the area may include flags, bench-

es and more. "We want to show our veterans we really care about them."

- Bill Fitzgerald of Hanover expressed several concerns over the town's zoning regulations including a requirement for keeping grass cut to a reasonable length in the yards of property owners. Ordinance officer Don Williams said if the grass is over 8 feet, city workers can cut the grass with the property owner fined and required to pay for the cost of the work.

Fitzgerald said he disagrees with the policy. "You're overstretching your limit" by coming onto private property to do that, he said. Williams said the requirements on grass maintenance and enforce-

ment policies are stated in the town's ordinance.

- Approved a \$30,000 contract with Sedam Contracting to pave a 40-foot by 145-foot area in back parking lot of Hanover Park and a 35-foot by 18-foot access road. The overall cost is \$28,000 for the paving and \$2,000 for striping. Council member Tim Buxton recommended that handicapped spaces be included, which other council members agreed.
- Town council member Jane Stormer, who is also chair of the county's Health and Human Relations Commission, asked about the Council's interest in developing a Fitness Court, a 40-foot by 40-foot area to provide several exercise stations including pull-up bars, a lunge

course, bend stations and more.

Fitness courts, a project of the National Fitness Campaign, can cost from \$150,000 to \$200,000 but grant opportunities are available to help with the cost. The council agreed to have a meeting to discuss the matter further.

- Kroger relayed a letter to town council from a resident expressing concern about large flowers obstructing the vision of drivers at the intersection of Madison Avenue and File Street where the Community Garden is located.
- Party in the Park at the Hanover Community Park will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14.

Fire limited to grass on Brooksbury-Manville Road

BY THE COURIER STAFF
A report of a fire in 2300 block of Brooksbury-Manville Road that was initially reported to involve a structure ended up being a grass fire only Tuesday.

There were reports of a fire that involved a camper, structure and field but once firefighters arrived, the fire was contained to the grass. "I think it was a misunderstanding" when the fire was called in," said Brooksbury/Milton Township Fire Chief Troy

Ayler. "I think they must have been saying it was close to all of that."

The fire was reported at 3:30 p.m. In addition to the Brooksbury/Milton Township Fire Department, both Rykers Ridge and Madison Township were on the scene in anticipation of a more severe situation than it turned out to be. He said the fire was caused by an REMC transformer that was blowing sparks onto the dry grass. "It didn't burn more than a half-

acre," and the fire was out in less than 30 minutes.

Elsewhere, at approximately 3 p.m. Tuesday, Madison Township and Rykers Ridge fire departments were on the scene of a natural gas leak on Hutchinson Lane between Michigan Road and Wilson Avenue.

The incident resulted in traffic being shut down at the Hutchinson Lanes intersection with Wilson Avenue, Cragmont Street and Michigan Road.

Hanover BZA approves conditional use for gun repair shop

BY BOB DEMAREE
A conditional use application was granted for Black Knight Gunsmithing LLC at Wednesday's meeting of the Hanover Board of Zoning Appeals. The application was from Kenneth D. Black, 272 South Grange Hall Road, a residential area in Hanover's two-mile buffer zone, to allow Black to repair guns in his home.

Black said the business involves gunsmithing and doing basic gun repairs. "It's not a major machine shop, I'm not manufacturing, I'm not selling anything like ammunition and firearms," he said. "It's basically just to repair ones that are broken."

Black said he has no plans to advertise the business, other than putting out flyers. "I prefer to get most of my business from word of mouth or picking it up on my own."

He said he is developing the business following an car accident a year ago that shattered his hip and has reduced his mobility for other work. "This is something to get built up," working towards retirement, he said.

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is rare in that he is not a local artist, who are more aware of the annual poster contest. "We typically will have local artists" but with Garrow being a past exhibitor he followed Chautauqua updates and submitted entries, said Hinze. She noted that Chautauqua requirements have evolved to allow artists who aren't local. "A lot of our artists come from Louisville, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, so if someone wants to submit, we've taken it away from being only local artists to where now we just ask that it's Madison content that can come from any artist."

Garrow is a retired graphic designer/illustrator/art director who worked 32 years for the Wilmington News Journal in Delaware before retiring in 2016.

When Garrow was at the Chautauqua in 2021, it was his "Fine Art with Fish" collection that he featured, a depiction of classic artwork such as a Vincent van Gogh's "Starry Night", Emanuel Leutze's "Washington Crossing at the Delaware" and Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa," among others using fish.

Garrow said he tried to do the same thing with other animals but none worked as well as the fish which seemed to come across more "fun and whimsical." And he while continues to produce his "Fine Art with Fish" collection, he's moved on to create more conventional work, while also doing portraits related to sports and music.

He's looking forward to coming back to Madison for the 2024 Chautauqua, this time to sign his event poster at the information tent during the festival later this month. There will be 225 numbered limited edition 18 inch x 24 inch posters available at a cost of \$40 each. There will also be shirts available with the print with T-shirts \$20, long-sleeve shirts \$25 and crewneck sweatshirts \$35.

Other merchandise will also be sold including Chautauqua post cards featuring four different images available at \$2 per card, and coasters with four different images for \$8 for a set of four, or \$2.50 each. There will be hats available for \$20, canvas tote bags for \$10, keychains for \$5, buttons for \$3 and stickers for \$1.

This year's Chautauqua poster was sponsored by Arvin Sango with MPS Printing printing the posters.

Madison Chautauqua is coming off a successful event in 2023 in which Placer.ai data showed there were 39,500 visitors at last year's event. It was announced last month that Sunshine Artist Magazine ranked the Madison Chautauqua No. 86 among the 200 best shows in the United States in voting by artists throughout the nation.

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BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Pacers roll over South Ripley 6-0

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Switzerland County remained unbeaten and untied in boys soccer with a 6-0 conference win over South Ripley at home on Tuesday.
The Pacers scored three goals in each half to improve to 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the Ohio River Valley Conference.
“We recorded our fifth shutout in six games while giving up a total of two goals all season,” Switzerland coach David Todd noted. “We had some solid individual play this evening but need to continue to improve. We have to be

more consistent with our effort for 80 minutes.”
Ashton Purvis scored three goals for the hat trick to lead the Pacers while Grant Hall, Kadyr Riley and Cooper Todd had a goal each. Hall also had two assists while Carson Griffith, Mason Peelman and Isaiah Dayadharum posted one assist each.
Switzerland travels to Shawe on Monday for another ORVC matchup and hosts Jac-Cen-Del next Wednesday.
SHAWE HAMMERS JAC-CEN-DEL
Shawe rolled to a 8-0 win

over Jac-Cen-Del at home on Tuesday.
Gus Grote scored four goals for the Hilltoppers and Bartosz Rychlicki had three as both recorded hat tricks. Leo Garcia also had a goal.
Rodrigo Reyes-Morales had two assists while Tate Wieczorek, Grote, Rychlicki, Jonathan Ambrosio Vilchis and Joseph Hart had one assist each.
Shawe, now 3-3 overall and 2-0 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, traveled to Southwestern on Thursday, hosts Switzerland County on Monday

and travels to Milan on Tuesday.
MADISON FALLS TO CHARLESTOWN
Madison suffered a 3-1 loss at Charlestown in boys soccer on Tuesday.
The Pirates got goals from Darin Marsal, Bradley Watts and Cristian Martinez and assists by Cohen Cooley and Watts. Goalkeeper Blake Fraley posted two saves.
No details were available on Madison.
The Cubs, now 3-1-1 on the season, hosted
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Switzerland County's Isaac Williams (21) heads the ball away from South Ripley's Marc Miller (7) during the Pacers' 6-0 boys soccer win Tuesday in Vevay. The Pacers are now 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the Ohio River Valley Conference.
David Campbell



Indiana Fever guard Caitlin Clark (22) leaps to the basket for a shot as Dallas Wings' Arike Ogunbowale (24) defends in the first half of a WNBA basketball game on Sept. 1 in Arlington, Texas.
Tony Gutierrez — staff, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clark, Fever are a playoff team and hungry for more

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS
INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Fever coach Christie Sides slept through her team's historic playoff-clinching moment Tuesday night. Rookie guard Caitlin Clark watched the decisive game, then went to bed.
For the WNBA's top-drawing team, the end to a seven-year playoff drought on a night it didn't play seemed a little, well, unceremonious.
On Wednesday morning, the Fever's world changed. The team that endured seven straight losing seasons, had won only 30 games over the previous four years and started this season 1-8 was the toast of Indianapolis.
“I usually go to bed by 9:30, 10 o'clock every night, but I did set my alarm for midnight to wake up and I actually just turned it off. Didn't even look,” Sides said. “So this morning, I woke up to some really awesome text messages.”
Losses by Chicago and Atlanta gave the Fever their first postseason berth since Tamika Catchings retired in 2016, even if Sides wanted just one of those teams to win so the Fever could clinch it on their home court in front of another near-capacity crowd.
Still, nobody was all that upset, and the fans still had plenty to celebrate Wednesday night when Indiana beat Los Angeles 93-86 behind a triple-double from Clark, who also became the fastest player in WNBA history to reach 100 3-pointers in a season (she now has 102).
During pregame warm-ups, beaming smiles could be found on faces all around — Clark, the former Iowa star who has taken women's basketball to unprecedented heights; Kelsey Mitchell, the seven-year veteran who will finally get her first taste of

playoff basketball; and especially Sides, who on Wednesday was named WNBA coach of the month, a first for the Fever.
While this was the goal from the moment Indiana drafted Clark with the No. 1 overall in pick, it was never a gimme.
“Definitely, cool,” said Clark, who swept the league's monthly honors for player and rookie of the month. “It doesn't even have to come down to the wire for us, and I think that's special. Like you can just relax and play basketball and have a lot of fun. Yeah, we accomplished that, but there's still so much more left on the table.”
It's not just Clark who realizes what's possible.
Guard Erica Wheeler appeared in four playoff games during her first two WNBA seasons and it took her eight more to make it back. It's been so long, the playoff format has changed, as has her role — playing behind Clark.
But as one of four Fever players with postseason experience, she can bring some important perspective.
“The job is not done,” Wheeler said. “We still have six, seven more games and we can't think ahead like that. Me being a vet, I know that for a fact. So for me, it's not time to think about the playoffs. You've got seven games left.”
Just three months ago, the postseason appeared unlikely.
A brutal early schedule coupled with Clark starting her pro career just five weeks after completing a 39-game college schedule contributed to Indiana's early woes. The Olympic break gave Clark a much-needed breather and a young team time to figure out how to jell.
Since June 1, Indiana is 17-8 and has victories over each of the league's top three teams — New York, Minnesota and Connecticut — along with a three-game season sweep of

Phoenix, all while stopping the league's longest streak of consecutive games played with a losing record at 189.
“We were able to keep it together and they focused on the things we kept talking about — creating good habits, relentless effort, togetherness and toughness,” Sides said. “We focused on those things and that's what mattered.”
Having Clark didn't hurt, either.
Clark continues to be the league's feature attraction, routinely drawing sellout crowds and large national television audiences. Business Insider recently reported that this year's secondary-market ticket prices had nearly doubled year over year — before the Olympic break.
Indiana also leads the league in home, road and overall attendance, and the Fever have appeared on each of the 13 highest-rated telecasts this year. It's easy to imagine big audiences should Clark face record-setting rookie Angel Reese of Chicago, established stars Diana Taurasi and Brittney Griner of Phoenix or Sabrina Ionescu and Breanna Stewart of New York in a playoff series.
Indiana is a league-best 9-2 in its last 11 games. And with five more home games and a regular-season finale at Washington, the Fever could cause the WNBA's top teams some restless nights.
“It's definitely a big moment for this place, but at the same time, I came in with the expectation this was going to happen,” Clark said. “For me, this isn't a party. It's great, I feel like it's a great accomplishment, but there's much more left to be done. Yeah, we made the playoffs, but I'm not just happy to be in the playoffs. I think we have the kind of team that can and advance going one game at a time.”

GOLF ROUNDUP

Madison drops match at No. 5 Floyd Central

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Madison played well but not well enough to topple fifth-ranked Floyd Central in girls golf at Valley View Golf Club in Floyds Knobs on Tuesday.
Madison shot a 191 but even with Floyd sitting most of its top players, the Highlanders still scored a 178 for the dual-meet win.
“This one was always going to be a tough one on the schedule. I was hoping we might catch them slipping since Coach (Matt) Graston sat Paige (Giovenco) and a couple of others, but their program is humming right now,” Madison coach Jake Shockley said. “He basically played his five, six, seven, and eight players, and they all played in the mid-40s.”
“Plus, we were shaking off some rust from the long weekend,” Shockley added. “As girls golf coach, there is no holiday I hate more than the long weekend for Labor Day.”
Emmi Dowell shot a 38 to lead Madison and claim low-medalist honors while Claire Miller carded a 50, Eliza Burnett had a 51 and Izzie Perry shot a 52 to round out Madison's scoring. Aleigh Wilson had a 55 and Tera Scharlau a 60 in non-scoring rounds.
“Emmi getting back in the 30s was great. When she is on, especially with the putter, she can play with anybody,” Shockley said. “Plus, Claire showed some really nice flashes and it's nice to come away feeling a little bitter-sweet for us to shoot a 191 away

after a long weekend. We coaches and the ladies will keep grinding. It's September, so we're in the home stretch now.”
Madison hosted Scottsburg on Thursday and plays in the Batesville Invitational at North Branch Golf Course in Greensburg on Saturday. The Cubs then host Silver Creek and Scottsburg next Wednesday at Sunrise Golf Course.
TRIMBLE, CARROLL COMPETE AT SUGAR BAY
The boys golf teams from Trimble County and Carroll County competed at Sugar Bay Golf Course on Tuesday.
Walton-Verona won the match with a 171, host Gallatin County was second with a 174, Trimble placed third with a 180 and Carroll was fourth with a 186.
Collin Stark led Trimble with a 40, Dylan Penick had a 43, Liam Taylor shot a 47 and Case Keeton carded a 50. In non-scoring rounds, Wyatt Wilson had a 53, Noah Chilton had a 57 and Nate Hance had a 60.
No results for Carroll were available.
Trimble County faced Owen County on Wednesday at home and at Owenton on Thursday. The Raiders then compete in the All “A” Classic State Finals at the University Club at Arlington on Saturday in Richmond, Kentucky.
Both Trimble and Carroll then compete for the North Central Kentucky Conference Championships at Fairway Golf Course in Wheatley on Tuesday.

CALENDAR

Friday, Sept. 6
FOOTBALL
Madison at Providence, 7 p.m.
Carroll Co. at Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Switzerland Co., 7:30 p.m.
SOCCER
Hanover men at Otterbein, 5 p.m.
Southwestern girls at Rising Sun, 5:30 p.m.
Southwestern boys at Rising Sun, 7:30 p.m.
TENNIS
Madison boys at Trinity Lutheran, 5 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Hanover at Capital, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 7
CROSS COUNTRY
Madison, Southwestern at Columbus North, 9 a.m.
Hanover, Franklin Invite. at Shelbyville, 10 a.m.
FOOTBALL
Hanover hosts Centre, 1:30 p.m.
GOLF
Madison girls, Batesville Invitational, 9 a.m.
Southwestern, Switzerland Co., girls, ORVC Championships at Butler Falls, 9 a.m.
Trimble Co. boys, All “A” Classic State Finals at Richmond, Ky., 9 a.m.
Carroll Co. boys at Grant Co., 4:30 p.m.
SOCCER
Switzerland Co. girls host New Albany, 11 a.m.
Hanover men at Capital, 5 p.m.
Hanover women at Wilmington, 7 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Trimble Co., South Laurel Invite., TBA
Hanover vs. Otterbein, Bethany at Columbus, Ohio, 10 a.m., 2 p.m.
Switzerland Co. at Clarksville, noon

Sunday, Sept. 8
GOLF
Trimble Co. girls, All “A” Classic State Finals at Richmond, Ky., 9 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 9
GOLF
Switzerland Co. girls at Gallatin Co., 4 p.m.
SOCCER
Shawe boys host Switzerland Co., 5 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys at Henry Co., 6 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls at Henry Co., 8 p.m.
TENNIS
Southwestern boys host Brownstown, 5 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Madison at South Ripley, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 10
CROSS COUNTRY
Shawe, Scottsburg Invite., 5:30 p.m.
GOLF
Carroll Co., Trimble Co. boys and girls, NCKC at Carroll Co., 8 a.m.
SOCCER
Shawe boys at Milan, 5:30 p.m.
Shawe girls at Milan, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern girls host Madison, 5:30 p.m.
TENNIS
Madison boys host Jennings Co., 5 p.m.
Southwestern boys at South Dearborn, 5 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Hanover at Indiana Southeast, 6:30 p.m.
Southwestern hosts Rising Sun, 7 p.m.
Switzerland Co. at Jac-Cen-Del, 7 p.m.
Trimble Co. at Owen Co., 7 p.m.
Carroll Co. at Henry Co., 7:30 p.m.

Colts begin season trying to snap winless streak

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis long snapper Luke Rhodes sits quietly at his locker, getting ready for practice.

As one of the five longest-tenured Colts players, Rhodes knows exactly what he's about to be asked.

Days before the start of another NFL season, his eighth, Rhodes is trying to answer what has become the most mystifying question in town: When will the Colts finally win a season opener?

"Of course it's frustrating," he said, referring to the NFL's longest active opening-day winless streak of 10 straight. "I mean, as a competitor, you want to win and starting the season off with a win is huge and it's something we haven't had for a little while. Especially being at home because we're super focused on winning at home this year."

Whatever the explanation, it seems to defy logic.

No other NFL team owns a season-opening winless streak longer than three years, and the Colts have been involved in every kind



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson (5) throws a pass during the first half of a preseason game Thursday against the Cincinnati Bengals in Cincinnati.

of contest, from blowouts to close calls and even a 20-20 tie at Houston in 2022.

Though some of the quarterbacks involved were household names — Andrew Luck, Philip Rivers and Matt Ryan — others are long forgotten, such as Scott Tolzien. Luck was involved in three of those losses. Jacoby Brissett, New England's new starter, lost twice.

Just how long has it been since Indy started 1-0? Andrew Luck was in his second pro season. He retired five years ago. And not a single player remains on Indy's roster from Sept. 8, 2013, when Luck scored on a 19-yard run with 5:20 to play to give the Colts a 21-17 lead over the Raiders, who were still in Oakland.

Since then, it's been one loss after another, with the

exception of that tie. But with Anthony Richardson expected to become the first Colts quarterback in eight years to make consecutive Week 1 starts, perhaps things will change.

Just don't mention it at Colts headquarters.

"Obviously, a big divisional opener and I'm not going to talk about, you know, opening day wins and stuff like that," owner Jim

Irsay said in July. "Obviously, we're hungry to get our opening game as a victory, no questions about that. So couldn't be more excited."

A win Sunday over the visiting Texans would do more than just end The Streak.

Indy hasn't posted a winning record against division foes since its last playoff appearance in 2020 and when these teams last met at Lucas Oil Stadium in January, the Texans walked away with a 23-19 victory and the AFC South title — sending the Colts home without a postseason berth for the third straight year.

"Just looking for a chance to right a wrong, you know what I mean?" linebacker Zaire Franklin said. "Obviously, the Week 18 game, it was tough. It was something to deal with. Had to grow through it, learn through it."

As each season begins, the reminders come screaming back.

Former Colts great Peyton Manning started The Streak when he led Denver to a 31-24 victory in 2014.

Two years later, the Colts rallied from an 18-point first-half deficit against Detroit and took a 35-34 lead when

Luck hooked up with Jack Doyle for a 6-yard TD pass with 37 seconds left, only to watch the Lions score twice — on Matt Prater's go-ahead field goal and a safety on the final play.

The Colts then lost twice in three years at Los Angeles, once to the Rams when Luck was injured and once to the Chargers following Luck's surprise retirement.

In 2020, Rivers lost his first game with Indy at Jacksonville for a Colts team that wound up making the playoffs. Then there was the tie in 2022 and last year, in coach Shane Steichen's debut, the Colts lost again to Jacksonville at home.

"I think every year — gosh, yeah, you want to hit the ground running Week 1. I mean you're trying to win every game, and the urgency definitely has got to be there," Steichen said. "We know it's a big game. It's a division opponent right off the bat at home, and we've got to start fast. We've got to get off to a fast start this year. That's the goal every year."

The question, of course, is can they solve the riddle Sunday?

Quarterback health key to AFC North success this season

BY NOAH TRISTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Football's top division wasn't even at full strength in 2023.

With better luck at the quarterback position, it could be quite a race for the AFC North title this season.

Lamar Jackson stayed healthy last year and won his second MVP, helping Baltimore to the best regular-season record in the league. Joe Burrow and Deshaun Watson were less fortunate, and Pittsburgh's passing situation was so unsatisfactory the Steelers made two significant additions at QB. Still, every team in the division finished above .500, and all have the potential to succeed in 2024 if they can keep their key players on the field.

The Baltimore Ravens were even better than their 13-4 record suggested in the 2023 regular season. They only faced three teams that finished with a losing record, and they never faced a double-digit deficit until the fourth quarter of a Week 18 game that was

meaningless for them.

Although the stars seemed to be aligning, the Ravens ultimately fell short of the Super Bowl, losing at home to Kansas City in the AFC championship game. Coach John Harbaugh began training camp this season by saying Jackson can become the greatest quarterback in NFL history.

"I'm not the GOAT, Tom Brady the GOAT. Tom Brady the GOAT," Jackson said. "Yes, I believe that's motivation. I appreciate that. I'm still on my way."

Patrick Mahomes is the quarterback Jackson couldn't quite get past last season, and now he'll have to hold off Burrow, who took Cincinnati to a Super Bowl and two AFC title games before wrist problems derailed him last year. Meanwhile, the Browns have Watson back after they had to start five quarterbacks in 2023. Cleveland overcame that, making a late run to the playoffs behind Joe Flacco.

The Pittsburgh Steelers snuck in the playoffs as well — then blew up their



Cincinnati Bengals' Charlie Jones (15) celebrates with teammates after returning a kickoff during the first half of a preseason NFL football game against the Indianapolis Colts on Aug. 22 in Cincinnati.

Carolyn Kaster | Associated Press

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Bills safety Hamlin to start season opener against Cardinals

BY JOHN WAWROW
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Difficult as it was for Damar Hamlin to deal with his many trepidations in last year's successful bid to resume playing football following a near-death experience, the Buffalo Bills safety wouldn't change a thing in retrospect.

Each step of the process — his first practice, first tackle, first game — is what Hamlin believes led to him achieving a new plateau in his comeback in being selected a season-opening starter on Wednesday.

Coach Sean McDermott made it official by announcing Hamlin will be paired with Taylor Rapp when the Bills take the field in hosting the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday.

"Truly a blessing," Hamlin said.

"I reflect back on the whole process and me not knowing if I would even be able to play again," he added.

"Last season was primarily just about healing and making myself do the hard stuff, thrusting myself into things that were uncomfortable, that made me fearful or gave me anxiety. But I was doing the hard stuff last year to make it easier this year."

Whether by design or chance, Hamlin sat at the

interview table wearing a green pullover with the words "Don't Quit" printed on the front.

"It aligns with who I am," he said.

In a mere 20 months, Hamlin has gone from going into cardiac arrest and needing to be resuscitated on the field during a prime-time game at Cincinnati, to the fourth-year player earning a starting spot in a completely retooled secondary.

Both spots were open following the offseason break-up of Buffalo's seven-year starting tandem, with Jordan Poyer released and Micah Hyde still unsigned and contemplating retirement.

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India homer launches 9-run 1st as Reds rout Astros

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
CINCINNATI — Jonathan India led off Cincinnati's nine-run first inning with a 436-foot homer and the Reds cruised to their second straight victory over the Houston Astros, 12-5 on Wednesday night.

The Reds went to work right away against Spencer Arrighetti (7-12), with India hitting his 11th career lead-off homer and the first since July 12.

Elly De La Cruz had a double and a single in the first, two RBIs and his major league-leading 62nd stolen base. Tyler Stephenson and Amed Rosario each drove in two runs during the outburst.

Arrighetti didn't get out of the first, allowing six hits and walking three.

Brent Suter went the final 3 1/3, allowing a run and three hits with six strikeouts for his first save and just the second of his career.

The Reds won their third in a row and, after a 5-3 win over Houston in the first game Monday night, secured a series win for the first time since taking two of three from the Blue Jays Aug. 19-21.

De La Cruz was 3 for 4 with two RBIs. Stephenson had two hits and three batted in.

REDS 5, ASTROS 3

Santiago Espinal's well-placed bloop single drove in two runs in the fifth inning, and the Cincinnati Reds beat Justin



Verlander and the Houston Astros 5-3 on Monday.

Ty France had four hits as Cincinnati stopped Houston's five-

game win streak. Amed Rosario had two hits and drove in a run.

Yainer Diaz had two hits and three RBIs for the Astros in the opener of a three-game inter-league series. Verlander (3-5) was charged with five runs and eight hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Houston had a chance in the ninth, but came up empty. With Jason Heyward aboard after a lead-off single, Jose Altuve struck out looking against Emilio Pagán. Justin Wilson then earned his second save when he retired Yordan Alvarez on a liner to center.

Carson Spiers (5-5), the third of five Cincinnati pitchers, worked 2 1/3 innings for the win. He was charged with one run and three hits.

Clark makes 100th 3, triple-double in win

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
INDIANAPOLIS — Caitlin Clark became the fastest player in WNBA history to reach 100 3-pointers in a season and finished with 24 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for her second career triple-double as the playoff-bound Indiana Fever beat the Los Angeles Sparks 93-86 on Wednesday night.

Clark connected on her second 3 of the game and 100th of the season midway through the



third quarter and added two more to reach 102 and finish 4 of 10 from long range. The No. 1 overall draft pick is the first rookie with 100 3s.

She also became the first rookie and fifth WNBA player with multiple triple-doubles in a season, joining Alyssa Thomas, Courtney Williams, Sabrina Ionescu and Candace Parker.

Alyah Boston had 24 points and 14 rebounds for the Fever (18-16), who secured a playoff spot Monday night when Atlanta and Chicago lost. Indiana has won five straight for the first time since 2015 and is 10-1 at home since June 1.

Clark made two free throws with 16.4 seconds left for a seven-point lead. Kia Nurse was long on a 3-pointer at the other end and Clark grabbed the rebound to complete the triple-double.

"Of course I knew, but honestly, like, we were just trying to get stops," Clark said in a court-side interview.

Clark also made a key defensive play when she poked a pass away in the paint and found Boston for a layup and a 91-84 lead

with 25.2 seconds left.

Kelsey Mitchell added 18 points for Indiana, coming two points shy of her eighth straight 20-point game. NaLyssa Smith scored 13 points.

Odyssey Sims led Los Angeles (7-26) with 20 points. Dearica Hamby and Rae Burrell each scored 16, and Azura Stevens had 13 points and 11 rebounds.

The Sparks have lost five in a row on the road and 15 of 17 away from home this season.

ChiSox snap 12-game skid with 8-1 win

BY NOAH TRISTER
AP BASEBALL WRITER

BALTIMORE — Jonathan Cannon pitched into the sixth inning and the Chicago White Sox homered three times, snapping their 12-game losing streak with an 8-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday night.

Nicky Lopez, Andrew Vaughn and Dominic Fletcher went deep for the White Sox, who improved to 32-109 this season. They need to go 11-10 the rest of the way to avoid matching the post-1900 record of 120 losses by the 1962 New York Mets.

This was their third losing streak of at least 12 games this season — no team had ever done that since 1900 — but Lopez led off the game with a homer and the White

Sox looked a lot sharper than they did while losing the first two games of this series by a combined 22-3.

Cannon (3-9) allowed a run and five hits in 5 2/3 innings.

"Good offensive game, great pitching," Chicago interim manager Grady Sizemore said. "It was a fun one."

Albert Suárez (7-5) permitted six runs and eight hits in 4 1/3 innings for the Orioles, who entered the game with a half-game lead over the New York Yankees atop the AL East.

Gunnar Henderson led off the bottom of the first with a homer that tied the game at 1, but the Orioles didn't score again.

"We punched out way too many times," Balti-

more manager Brandon Hyde said. "I thought they forced the action offensively way better than we did. So, not a real good night offensively."

It was the second time this season both teams led off a game with homers, according to Sportradar. The previous instance was last weekend, when the Los Angeles Dodgers' Shohei Ohtani went deep in the top of the first and Arizona's Corbin Carroll hit an inside-the-park homer starting the bottom of the inning.

Chicago took the lead for good when Vaughn hit a solo shot in the fourth and Fletcher added a two-run shot later in the inning.

Luis Robert Jr. hit an RBI double and Lenyn Sosa contributed a sacri-

fice fly in the fifth. Sosa hit an RBI single in the ninth and Fletcher brought home a run on a ground-out.

Henderson's 35th homer set an Orioles single-season record for a shortstop. Cal Ripken Jr. in 1991 and Miguel Tejada in 2004

both hit 34.

TRAINER'S ROOM

White Sox: Robert exited in the sixth with right hamstring tightness. ... Chicago put INF Brooks Baldwin on the 10-day injured list with a right wrist sprain and recalled INF Bryan Ramos

from Triple-A Charlotte. ... Vaughn was struck in the right leg by a foul ball while waiting on deck in the ninth but appeared to be fine.

Orioles: RHP Dean Kremer (wrist/hand) threw a side session, but his next start is still unclear.

Can you ensure your Golden Years are sweet?



Layin' it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
Wealth Management

"There is only one difference between a long life and a good dinner: that, in the dinner, the sweets come last." - Robert Lewis Stevenson. We all want our retirement years to be financially secure, but the "Golden Years" are anything but sweet for many. Even the best plans can be completely derailed by market losses and fees, leaving retirees wondering if they'll have enough to live on for the rest of their lives. And market losses are only part of the problem. The biggest challenge for many retirees is the concern about the time required to recover from market losses.

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David Campbell

Switzerland County's Carter Hinman (19) leaps over a tackle by South Ripley's Landon Bradley in the Pacers' win on Tuesday.

PACERS

FROM **PAGE B1**

Shelbyville on Thursday and then travel to South

Dearborn on Thursday, Sept. 12.

CARROLL BEATS GALLATIN

Carroll County scored a 4-2 win over Gallatin Coun-

ty at home on Wednesday.

Carroll, now 4-2 overall and 1-0 in the 31st District, hosted North Oldham on Thursday and heads to Henry County on Monday.

Women’s volleyball popularity at all-time high

BY ERIC OLSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OMAHA, Neb. — As summer turns to fall, a repurposed industrial building on the southwest side of Omaha becomes a hive of activity.

More than 200 girls ages 11 to 14 in T-shirts, shorts and kneepads rotate among eight practice courts at the Premier Nebraska Volleyball facility. They worked on skills like passing, setting and hitting. Coaches — on a recent evening all but one were women and most were former college players — gave instruction and encouragement in equal parts.

Similar scenes are playing out across the country as youngsters begin preparing for fall tryouts and a competitive season that runs from January to April for most teams.

Remi Christiansen, one of the girls training at Premier Nebraska, took up the sport three years ago and immediately showed promise as a setter. She has played on the club's top 13U and 14U teams and will try out in the 15U division with the goal of playing for her high school next year and later in college.

“I like how high intensity it is,” Remi said. “You really have to be ready for anything — whether it’s reactionary or being able to communicate on the court.”

Girls volleyball has never been so popular in the United States. Participation has increased every year since at least 1980 (excluding the 2020-21 pandemic year), and growth has accelerated the past decade. The number of girls high school volleyball players hit an all-time high of 470,488 in 2022-23, a figure second only to outdoor track and field (486,355), according to the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Girls high school basketball, the most comparable sport in roster size, has trailed volleyball in participation since 2014-15. More girls play high school volleyball than basketball in all but nine states.

USA Volleyball reported a record 333,208 junior girls (ages 11-18) registered with clubs as of July, an increase of 40% since 2013-14. Most of those players also are on their school teams. Still more play in programs at the YMCA, which does not track participation.

EXPLAINING THE POPULARITY

Mila Anderson, who will play on one of Premier's 12U teams, is training as a middle blocker and outside hitter. She also plays basketball, but volleyball is her favorite sport.

“It’s a lot more thrilling,” she said. “Especially with the long rallies, you have to be aware and keep up. After a tiring one, it’s really exciting when I get to put down that last ball and get the game point.”

A confluence of factors has fueled the sport's rise.

Until about 20 years ago, there were more opportunities for girls to play basketball and soccer. The number of junior clubs registered with USA Volleyball has nearly doubled, rising from 1,750 in 2004-05 to 3,880 in 2023-24.

The increased participation has coincided with the United States' emergence as a world power in the sport. Team USA has medaled in five straight Olympics, including gold in 2020 and silver this year in Paris. And the amount of exposure college volleyball receives on television and social media is unprecedented.

Players and coaches said the sport itself, with its energy and emphasis on teamwork, resonates with many girls, players and coaches said.

Four-time Olympian Jor-

dan Larson said she preferred volleyball over basketball growing up because she could avoid contact with opposing players.

“I don’t want to take elbows. That doesn’t seem fun for me, personally,” she said. “But there is a way in volleyball you can still show that assertiveness, that leadership — but with a layer of elegance that comes along with it.”

Tatum Anderson, mother of Mila and one of the top high school players in Nebraska in the early 2000s before she starred as a libero at Missouri and trained with the national team, said the sense of connectedness appeals to girls.

“Everybody can bring a different skill and strength to the court but at the end of the day it takes the whole team,” she said. “Caitlin Clark is a perfect example. She can take over a (basketball) game by herself — assists, rebounds and points. In volleyball, not one person can take over a game. You can get a great outside hitter that can take over and give you offense, but you still need defense, you still need a great setter, you still need a lot of other components.”

Of course, any sport can help build confidence and self-esteem that can carry into adulthood. Those benefits are magnified in the high-energy volleyball culture where teammates thrive on celebrating each other’s accomplishments, Tatum Anderson said.

“That’s huge when you’re raising a daughter — women supporting women,” she said.

INCREASING DIVERSITY

As with other sports, the time commitment and expense of club volleyball increases as players move up competitive levels.

At Premier, a player on one of its 11U through 18U teams will have a minimum of two two-hour practices per week, play in six local tournaments and as many as three out-of-town tournaments. Club director Shannon Smolinski said annual fees range from \$2,000 to \$3,000, not including travel and the expense of off-season training opportunities.

Asked to describe the club scene when she started in the sport, Olympian Haleigh Washington said, “White. Volleyball was very white.”

Washington, who is Black, said she sold candles, gift cards and candy bars to help pay her fees when she was growing up in Colorado Springs and playing for the Colorado Juniors in nearby Monument. She said she knew of no teammates who had to raise funds like she did. Washington also said her club provided generous financial assistance.

“I’ve always seen it as, yes, a very privileged sport because if you want to compete and play against the best of the best you need to have shoes, kneepads and usually ankle braces, a good net, a good gym that’s regulation size and access to lots of balls,” she said.

USA Volleyball does not break down the racial makeup of its registered junior players. Among its 400,000 players, coaches and staff at all levels, about 23% are people of color.

Premier's Smolinski said it's common for clubs to provide need-based financial aid so players who want to join are not turned away. USA Volleyball supports a program called “Starlings,” which brings volleyball to underserved communities in urban areas and on American Indian reservations, and it started a program called “Try Volleyball” that offers kids and their families a chance to try the sport for free.

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PARSHO		221	16	Movie		(:45) ￼￼￼ Ghost ('90) Patrick Swayze.			￼ Parallel ('24) (P)			￼ Don't Worry ...		
TMC		233	74	Movie		￼￼￼ Sexy Beast			￼ Heist ('15)		(:35) ￼￼￼ Heat ('95) Al Pacino.			
TNT		27	43	(:15) ￼￼￼￼ Star Wars: A New Hope ('77)					￼ Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back					
USA		26	33	￼￼ Rampage ('18) Dwayne Johnson.				(:25) ￼￼ Skyscraper ('18)				￼￼ Skyscraper		

		Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	SUNDAY EVENING											
				6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10	10:30	11	
3	WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Football (N)		(:15) Football	Los Angeles Rams at Detroit Lions (N)			(Live)			
4	WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	60 Minutes (N)		Tulsa King (N)		Big Brother (N)		Tracker		CBS4..	
5	WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	Football (N)		(:15) Football	Los Angeles Rams at Detroit Lions (N)			(Live)			
8	WISH	12		News	VeryV..	Conners	Conners	The Chosen "Confessions" (N)				News	Sports	News	
9	WCPO	23		News	World..	Fun Videos		Fun Videos		Fun Videos		Fun Videos		News	
11	WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Fun Videos		Fun Videos		Fun Videos		Fun Videos		News	
15	WKPC	13		Viewers' Choice								Viewers' Choice			
19	WXIX	10		(4:25) NFL Football			The OT	Univer..	Burgers	The-North (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19	
32	WLKY	5	5	CBSN..	WLK..	60 Minutes (N)		Tulsa King (N)		Big Brother (N)		Tracker		News	
34	WBKI	7	7	BigBa..	BigBa..	Conners	Conners	The Chosen "Confessions" (N)				Good Dr		ModF..	
41	WDRB	8	9	(4:25) NFL Football			The OT	Univer..	Burgers	The-North (N)		News (N) (Live)		News	
A&E		28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48	
AMC		29	26	(5:30) ￼￼ Armageddon ('98) Bruce Willis.						Snowpiercer (N)		(:05) Snowprcr	Movie		
COM		45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	
DISC		31	38	Naked "Forced Out of Africa" (N)				Naked "Boiling for a Fight" (N)				(:05) Afraid		Afraid	
DISN		25	29	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	￼￼￼ Onward ('20)			Primos	Primos	Primos	Bluey	
ESPN		32	44	Countdown (N)		Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at Houston Astros						SportsCenter (N) (Live)			
FREE		18	40	(:15) ￼￼￼ Tangled ('10) Mandy Moore.				(:25) ￼￼ Aladdin ('19) Mena Massoud, Will Smith.							
FX		40	28	(4:00) ￼ Avengers		￼￼ Man of Steel ('13) Amy Adams, Henry Cavill.						￼￼ Man of Steel ('13)			
HBO		201	17	(5:00) W.. (:25) ￼￼ X-Men: Apocalypse ('16)				Industry (N)			Chimp (N) (SF)		LastW..		
MAX		270	73	￼￼ The A-Team ('10)				￼￼ Ted 2 ('15) Mark Wahlberg.			￼ Bill & Ted's Excellent ...				
NEWSNTN		20	20	NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		Facts	NewsNation		
PARMT		35	41	(5:00) ￼ Beetlejuice		￼￼￼ Beetlejuice ('88)				(:05) ￼￼￼ Beetlejuice ('88)			Movie		
PARSHO		221	16	(4:35) ￼ Transformers: Ag... (:25) ￼ Breathe ('24)				To Be			To Be				
TMC		233	74	(:10) ￼￼ Along Came a Spider				￼￼￼ Casino Royale ('06) Daniel Craig.							￼ Black Lotus
TNT		27	43	(4:45) ￼ Star Wars: Force ... (:45) ￼￼￼ Star Wars: The Last Jedi ('17) Mark Hamill.											Movie
USA		26	33	(3:00) N..	NASC..	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-S..	

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			6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10	10:30	11	
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	Ninja Las Vegas	Finals 4 (N) (SF)	The Wall (SF)	WAV..				
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	NCIS	NCIS: Sydney	NCIS: Sydney	CBS4..				
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Ninja Las Vegas	Finals 4 (N) (SF)	The Wall (SF)	News				
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (SP)	American (N)	61st Street (SF)	News (N)	News				
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Count..	Football New York Jets at San Francisco 49ers (N)			News				
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (SP)	Count..	Football New York Jets at San Francisco 49ers (N)			News				
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	PBS News (N)		Estate (N)	Edward (N)	POV (N)					
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Name-Tune (N)	1% Club (N)	FOX19	FOX19				
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	NCIS	NCIS: Sydney	NCIS: Sydney	News				
34 WBK1	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	American (N)	61st Street (SF)	BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..			
41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Name-Tune (N)	1% Club (N)	News (N) (Live)	News				
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48	
AMC	29	26	(5:30) **** Rocky II ('79)				**** Rocky III ('82) Sylvester Stallone.				*** Rocky IV			
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	DailyS..	
DISC	31	38	Contraband		Contraband		Contraband		Contraband (N)		Contraband		Contra..	
DISN	25	29	Bluey	Big City	Big City	Big City	Primos	Primos	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Kiff	Kiff	Jessie	
ESPN	32	44	Monday Night (N) (Live)				Football New York Jets at San Francisco 49ers (N)							Postga..
FREE	18	40	(5:45) **** Dumbo ('19) Colin Farrell.				(2:25) **** Sing ('16)				700Club			
FX	40	28	(5:00) **** Ant-Man			**** Guardians of the Galaxy ('14)					English	English	English	
HBO	201	17	Chimp Crazy		* Godzilla x Kong: New Empire				Brilliant (SP)		(:05) Industry		Brilliant	
MAX	270	73	(:20) *** Swiss Army Man ('16)				*** Get Hard ('15)			(:40) * Forgetting Sarah Marshall				
NEWSNTN	20	20	The Hill (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo	
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	**** Grease ('78) John Travolta.					* Dirty Dancing		
PARSHO	221	16	(:15) *** No Escape ('15)				**** First Blood ('82)			* Rambo: First Blood Pa...		Movie		
TMC	233	74	(:10) *** Fire in the Sky ('93)				**** The Fabelmans ('22)					* Showing Up		
TNT	27	43	(5:00) * Star Wars: The Last Jedi				(:15) *** Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker ('19)							Movie
USA	26	33	**** Blockers ('18) Leslie Mann.				WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live)							Anony..

BPWS hears concerns about blind curve

BY BOB DEMAREE
A brief Board of Public Work and Safety meeting on Tuesday included approval for another evening edition of the Madison Farmers Market at the parking lot south of the new Ohio River Legacy Park and concerns about a sharp curve at Mill Street and Presbyterian Avenue.

City Council member Carla Krebs brought up concerns about the sharp curve after being contacted by a constituent. Krebs said, "This person lives in that area and has had a couple of near misses on being hit" as vehicles round that blind curve traveling east on Presbyterian Avenue towards Mill Street.

Krebs requested that BPWS approve placing a "Sharp Curve Ahead" sign in the area "just to warn" motorists to slow down as they approach the curve.

She said those who may travel that street after turning off of Hanging Rock Hill, could be traveling too fast to safely negotiate the curve.

"It is a hairpin turn. We do have children," she said,

noting there are youngsters who live in a nearby trailer park behind the hill who walk through there on their way to Lydia Middleton Elementary School.

Krebs said it was mentioned at a recent neighborhood watch meeting, that "there have been scary moments with kids walking to school."

Board member David Carlow agreed that the curve is a safety concern, and proposed working with the city's street department on appropriate signage.

In the other action, the board approved closing the parking lot on Vaughn Drive between Poplar Street and Central Avenue, just south of Legacy Park, for a Pop-Up Evening Farmers Market from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11.

Madison's Farmers Market is typically held on Saturday mornings at the Broadway Fountain, but an evening event held at the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site in July drew a large turnout so organizers are planning a second evening market due to that popularity.

Applications now being accepted for 2025 Leadership program

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Leadership Jefferson County, a program based at the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County, is now accepting applications for the 2025 course.

The course consists of 11 biweekly sessions that will help participants have a better understanding of resources and relationships in the community. Throughout the course, community members and topic experts will speak and share their insights on the following subjects: Agriculture & Natural Resources, Business & Entrepreneurship, Community Health, Education, Government Agencies & Organi-

zations, History, Industry & Economic Development, Nonprofits & Volunteerism, Social Services, and Tourism.

Participants will begin the course with an Introduction and Orientation session from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 7 at Ivy Tech Community College. All remaining sessions will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., with lunch provided, and meeting locations will vary. Leadership Jefferson County is an action project that evolved from Envision Jefferson County.

"Leadership Jefferson County was created to help cultivate leaders in our community," said Leadership Jefferson County Steering Commit-

tee Chair Marta Belt. "What better way to help these leaders than by giving them a deeper understanding of organizations and resources within Jefferson County."

Applications to participate must be received by Oct. 31. Applications are available online at <https://www.cfmjc.org/ljc>, or can be picked up at the Community Foundation office, 416 West Street, Madison, Indiana.

Selected participants will pay a \$250 enrollment fee prior to beginning the course. Sessions begin Jan. 7, 2025 and end May 27, 2025.

For more information, contact Kelley Hoagland at 812-265-3227 or email kellyh@cfmjc.org.

Free admission offered in September at historic sites

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Historic Madison Inc. is providing No Cost Nostalgia throughout the month of September with a special program offering free admission to a select group of historic sites and museums in Madison.

The program will provide community members an opportunity to explore and appreciate their local history and heritage without admission costs.

From now until Sept. 30, visitors can enjoy free access to the following participating sites and muse-

ums: the Dr. Hutchings' Office & Museum, the Francis Costigan House, the Schroeder Saddletree Factory Museum, the Shrewsbury-Windle House, St. Michael the Archangel, and the Sullivan House. No reservations are required.

In addition, Jefferson County residents will receive a discounted admission card for use after September 30.

Visit the Historic Madison Inc website, www.historicmadison-inc.com, for tour dates, times and restrictions.


No Cost Nostalgia is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Jefferson County Board of Tourism. Free admission is only for regularly scheduled tours available to the public and does not include group tours, private tours, ticketed events and other special events and programs.

For more information about No Cost Nostalgia, or Historic Madison membership and volunteer opportunities, visit www.historicmadisoninc.com, email hmi@historicmadison-inc.com or call 812-265-2967.

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